

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

Page 3, lines 4-5

Delete the following sentence: "Fig. 1 (SEQ. ID NOS. 1 and 2) depicts a nucleotide sequence for cDNA encoding hOAT and its translated sequence.", and insert in its place the following paragraph:

-- FIGS. 1-3 depict a nucleotide sequence for cDNA encoding hOAT (SEQ. ID NO. 1) and its translated sequence (SEQ. ID NO. 2). FIG. 1 depicts the first 780 nucleotides of the sequence. FIG. 2 depicts nucleotides 781 – 1560 of the sequence. FIG. 3 depicts nucleotides 1561 – 2123 of the sequence. --.

Page 3, line 10 and Page 5, line 14

For each occurrence, delete "Fig. 1" and insert in its place -- FIGS. 1-3 --.